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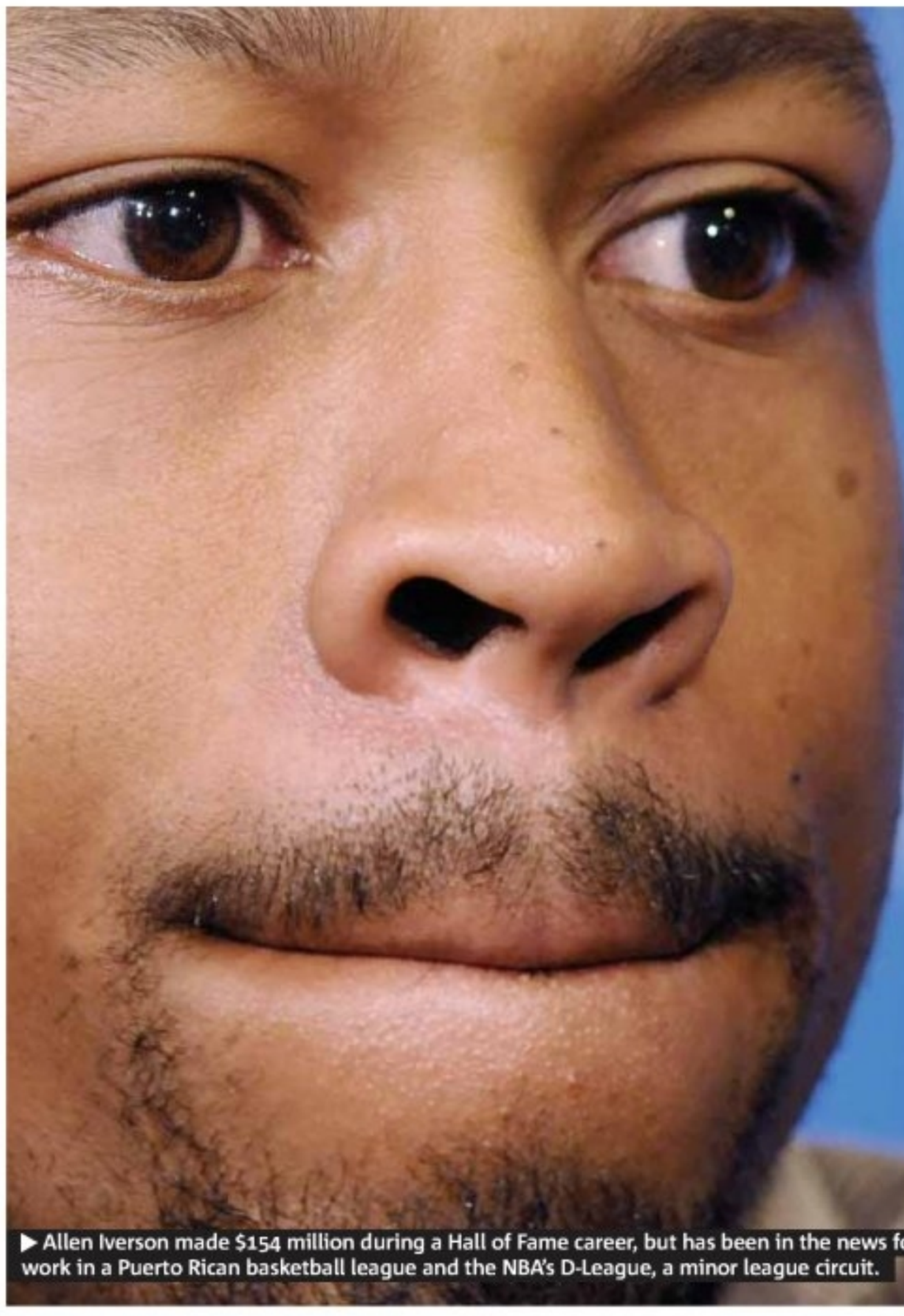

HOW THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN

Allen Iverson offered $20K per game by indoor soccer league It's a big pay cut for a star who made $169K per game in his 14-year NBA career {page 02}

▶ Allen Iverson made $154 million during a Hall of Fame career, but has been in the news for seeking work in a Puerto Rican basketball league and the NBA's D-League, a minor league circuit.

The Word

Whitney's stuff already on the block

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More dribbling for AI?

- Former Sixers superstar Allen Iverson hasn't had great luck in his post-NBA careers
- Still apparently looking for a basketball gig, but soccer team came calling this weekend

Former 76ers star and future NBA Hall of Famer Allen Iverson finally has another job offer, but it's not in first sport of choice.

The Rochester, N.Y., Lancers of the seven-team Major Indoor Soccer League have offered him a contract to join them, the team announced. Lancers Vice President Rich Randall confirmed yesterday that the organization has talked with Iverson's agent over the weekend about paying the athlete $20,000 per game and a $5,000 bonus for each goal he scores.

Unlike offers like those from Turkish basketball team Bestikas or Puerto Rican basketball league teams, the Lancers situation would allow him to stay near his home turf, as home games are played in upstate New York.

Still, the money would be a big paycut for an athlete who averaged $169,000 per contest during his 914-game NBA career. In 2008-2009 with Detroit, when he made his highest salary ever — more than $20 million — he clocked in at $347,000 per game.

"Right now, we kind of have a beautiful scenario in terms of a great community and really great sponsors who have stepped up in our first season," Randall said, noting that the high salary for Iverson would be for the team's playoff push this week. The team has two regular season games left: Thursday and Sunday. "This whole idea stemmed from a few weeks ago. We're on the cusp of making playoffs or not."

Iverson, who is rumored to be in need of income despite collecting $154 million in salary during his 14-year career, has been in and out of the news for months during a so-far futile search for work.

"Watching ESPN and watching sports media, there are players now really making headlines. One is Jeremy Lin and in the top five is Allen Iverson," Randall said. "Jeremy obviously has a pretty busy NBA schedule right now."

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By the numbers

- **$5K** Bonus per goal scored offered to Iverson by Rochester in addition to his salary. The team touted that the indoor soccer league's games average 12 goals per contest
- **$4,590K** Salary per point that Iverson earned in his 2000-2001 NBA MVP season when he scored 2,207 points. The Sixers paid him $10,130,000 as he led them to an NBA Finals appearance.
- **$11M** Average annual salary during Iverson's 14-year career
- **$2M** Average annual salary during Iverson's very brief career in the Turkish basketball league

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▶ The Rochester Lancers of the Major Indoor Soccer League have offered Allen Iverson a contract.

"He's an athletic freak. Iverson could have been an unbelievable soccer player. He could have been a world-class boxer and a remarkable defensive center fielder and base stealer."
AUTHOR BILL SIMMONS, ON HIS ESPN BLOG IN 2006

"With his athleticism and competitive hunger, I think he can be a great fit with our team and fans as we make an important playoff push, while also driving interest to an exciting, growing sport."
RICH RANDALL, LANCERS VICE PRESIDENT

In the news

New ringleader comes to town

Jonathan Lee Iverson, the first black ringmaster in the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus's 142-year history, will be in Philadelphia for the final week of Black History Month. Iverson will perform with the troupe at the Wells Fargo Center from tomorrow through next Monday.
METRO/AW

In the news

First to run

Nathan Kleinman, nicknamed the "first Occupy candidate," officially entered Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District race last week by filing his petition signatures and candidate's affidavit at the state capitol. He will hold a public press conference kicking off his campaign today with retired Philadelphia Police Capt. Ray Lewis on the steps of the Montgomery County Courthouse.

Beach war in NJ begins for best sandy stretch

NEW JERSEY. With warmer weather approaching, voting for the annual contest to name the 10 best beaches in New Jersey begins today at noon.

The contest, run by the New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium, is intended to make people feel more connected to and better treat the state's 127 miles of coastline.

Wildwood is generally considered the beach to beat, having won the competition in three of the past four years, including last year. Ocean City ranked first in 2009.

Readers can vote at www.njtoptenbeaches.org. Winners will be announced before Memorial Day weekend. METRO/AW

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▶ Cape May beach

Man burns NJ flag over Houston half-mast honor

NEW JERSEY. A man infuriated by Gov. Chris Christie's decision to fly flags in the state at half-mast following the death of native Whitney Houston burned a New Jersey flag in anger.

John Burri, 60, reportedly bought a $12.95 3-by-5-foot replica of the flag Saturday and set fire to it on his outdoor grill.

He was upset because he lost a son in Baghdad during combat in 2005 and told various media outlets the lowering of flags should be reserved for those who have given their lives for their country.

"Maybe it's a little drastic, I know that's a little extreme," he said to CBS' 1010 WINS in New York. "But I'm sorry, this is how much it hurts."
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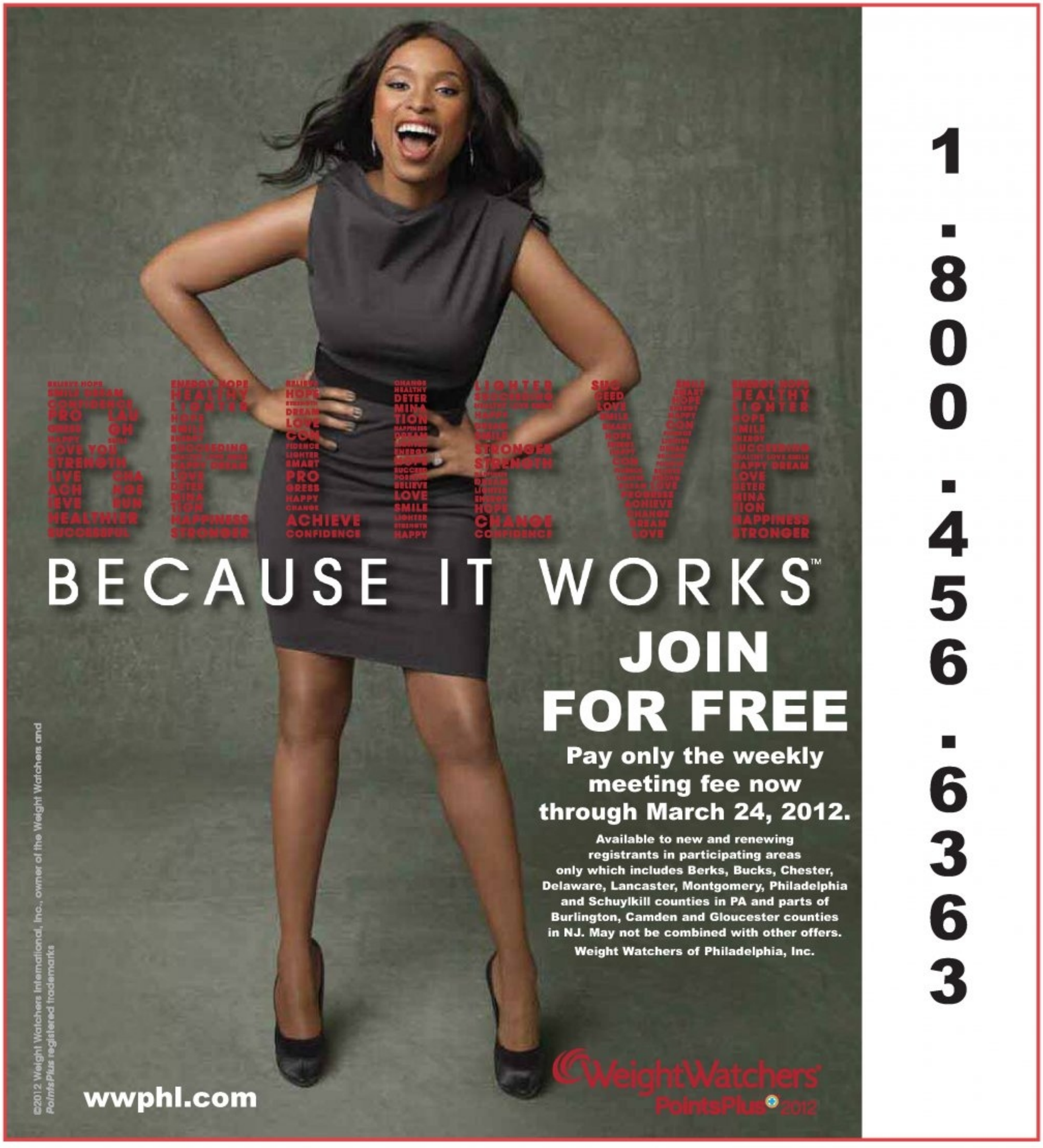
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Blogger gets to Rendell

Ongoing sale talk of Inquirer, Daily News has become backstory to how coverage of its sale is reported Rendell swore off any more comments, but everyone else has been weighing in

A month's worth of speculation and insecurity about the future of the Daily News and Inquirer devolved further this weekend when blogger and Metro contributor Laura Goldman bumped into Ed Rendell, who is in purchase talks with the papers' current owners.

Goldman wrote Saturday on her blog, Naked Philadelphian, that the former governor told her, "I don't think we will be buying."

An online Inquirer article disputed the account later that day, with Rendell claiming he never told Goldman that and he did not realize she was a reporter. (Goldman interviewed Rendell by phone for Metro last January after he left office.)

Rendell is now so disillusioned by media coverage of the sales talk that he reportedly is done speaking to journalists — though he was interviewed on a radio program yesterday. Prior to his self censorship, Politico reported Sunday that Rendell did talk to Goldman, but that his reply was one he often gave to well-wishers on the street to avoid long conversations.

"The report is nowhere near correct. Negotiations are still going on."
RENDELL, TO POLITICO BEFORE HE SWORE OFF ANY MORE INTERVIEWS

He admitted that his response to Goldman was something like, "Gee, I don't know. It's not a sure thing by any means. It probably won't happen," but said the "offhand remark" "had absolutely no meaning."

Meanwhile, Daily News writer Will Bunch posted, "An open letter to the next owners of Philadelphia Media Networks" on his Attytood blog yesterday, raising more concerns about the Rendell-led bidders' possible purchase.

Bunch wrote that he was worried about the group's lack of digital savvy and innovation.

"The vibe I get so far from the would-be owners is they want to buy the Philadelphia papers to keep them the same. That's noble, but that's also not enough," he wrote. "There needs to be a zeal to make them better, to be agents of radical change."

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▶ Rendell isn't talking anymore about the potential purchase of two newspapers. Or is he?

Her take

Blogger and freelance writer Laura Goldman blurred an already wobbly line between social media reporting and traditional print journalism. She gave her take to Metro:

"Since I am also a traditional reporter for Metro and other outlets, I have interviewed Rendell many times in that capacity.

Rendell had no expectation of privacy because he voluntarily put himself in the headlines by assembling an investor group. Even if I was just a citizen journalist, I would have been correct to publish the story.

Others felt that I should not have published the story unless I could report more details. While I have no problem asking the tough questions, I do draw the line at running down the street after interviewing subjects.

In a world dominated by tweets, I had gotten the money quote — 'I don't think we will be buying.' Wearing my blogger hat, I did not need any more information."

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2012 election. Redistricting

▶ Leaders with LatinoLines argued yesterday outside the federal courthouse on Market Street that their voices are being muffled.

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Latino leaders rally for 'voter justice'

A Latino voters' group yesterday said four districts with large Hispanic populations will be hurt by a federal decision to reinsert 2001 voting districts. The legislative districts in contention are the 22nd, 127th, 180th and 197th districts. "After 40 years, we finally got a plan for Latino seats to be put in place," leader Angel Ortiz said. "You can not hold an election with census numbers of 10 years ago ... with lines of 10 years ago." ● METRO

See what happened to SEPTA's C bus route?

Like many SEPTA riders, Cathy Thornton is a creature of habit. So the replacement of the Route C bus with the routes 4 and 16 will require her to make a mental shift.

"For me, it's going to take some getting used to," said the West Oak Lane resident, who rides the line a few times a week.

The transit system made the name change yesterday — coinciding with new schedules for some city and suburban transit services — to alleviate confusion caused by the two distinct routes sharing the same route. The Route 4 will operate between Fern Rock Transportation Center and AT&T Station, while the Route 16 will run from the Cheltenham and Ogontz Loop to City Hall.

Service levels will remain the same on the line, which is SEPTA's 10th busiest route with an average of 15,000 passengers on a weekday.

▶ C it ain't so.

"It's just like Broad and Columbia. People are going to call it whatever they're used to."
PAM PETERSON, BUS RIDER

The agency said it has distributed thousands of fliers to prepare riders for the change, and yesterday it unveiled new bus stop signs.

"We think we've done a pretty good job getting the word out," SEPTA spokesman Andrew Busch said. "We do plan to have supervisors out on the route checking on things, at least through the transition period next week."

Riders who transfer from one route to the other will be able to do for free, Busch said.

The reaction from passengers about the change has been mixed, but most are taking it in stride.

"It's just like Broad and Columbia. People are going to call it whatever they're used to," rider Pam Peterson said, referring to old terminology for a stop now known as Cecil B. Moore on the Broad Street Subway. ● SOLOMON D. LEACH

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New war? Debate could be final decider

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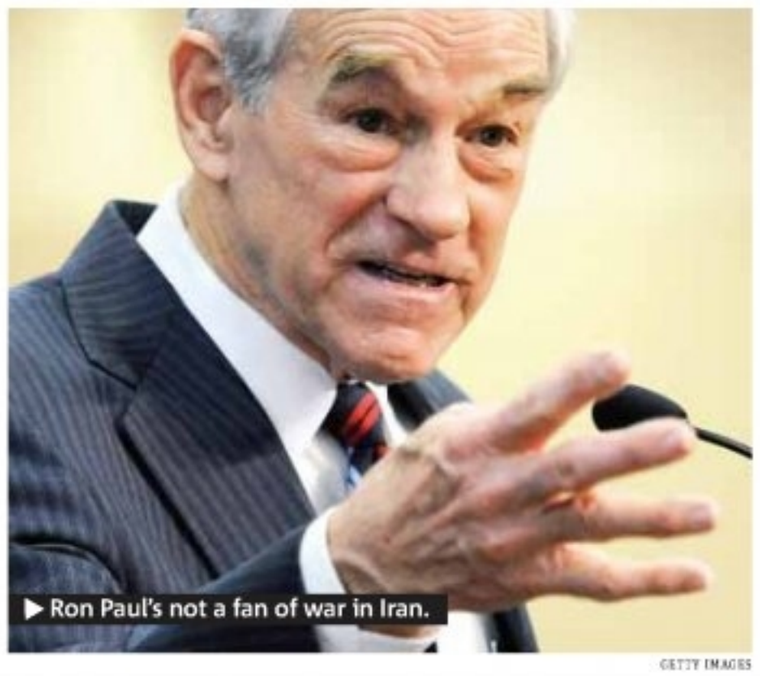
It is safe to predict that Ron Paul will once again be the sole voice of reason on Iran, when he debates the unashamedly hawkish Santorum, Romney and Gingrich in Arizona tomorrow.

But whether this trend will continue depends on the moderator, CNN's John King. Will he allow the debate to be framed by the dangerous propaganda that has pervaded much of the reporting on Iran, or can he force the candidates to confront surprising new intelligence on Iran that vindicates Ron Paul's pleas for restraint?

Sadly, the former scenario is far more likely. Even as the military-industrial complex continues to point its apocalyptic priapism at Iran, many in the media are sharing in the fluffing duties.

ABC's Diane Sawyer and Brian Ross claim to have evidence that Iran is waging "a kind of shadow war" around the world, and that "Jewish places of worship in at least 10 U.S. cities have been told they could be targets." Not only do they neglect to mention who exactly is issuing these warnings, turns out that the "evidence" they claim to have is nothing more than the speculative accusations of Israeli officials, who have blamed three recent bombings in Georgia, Thailand and India on Iran. Sawyer and Ross also fail to mention that, according to official investigators of the India bombing, the evidence appears to implicate a Sunni group within India that is completely unconnected to Iran.

Similarly, NBC News' Jim Miklaszewski boldly proclaims that the U.S. will be "the world's first line of defense," now that "Iran has already threatened to shut down the Strait of Hormuz," and "Iranian leaders have threatened all-out war!" To his credit, Miklaszewski at least mentions in passing that Iran has "threatened all-out war" only if Israel were to drop bombs on its nuclear facilities, and that Iran has threatened to block the Strait of Hormuz only in response to U.S. economic sanctions. What Miklaszewski doesn't bother explaining is that these economic sanctions would involve cutting Iran off from the international banking system, through which it receives payment for its oil exports — a devastating blow to its economy.



▶ Ron Paul's not a fan of war in Iran.

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But most importantly — he fails to mention that the U.S. military does not actually know whether Iran is trying to build a nuclear weapon.

That's right — on Feb. 5, U.S. Director of National Intelligence, James Clapper, told Congress that Iran has not yet made the decision to "go ahead with a nuclear weapon." And this weekend, Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, told CNN that "a military strike against Iran would be premature, because it is unclear that Tehran will actually use its nuclear capabilities to build an atomic bomb."

If this news surprises you, you aren't alone. According to a CNN poll from 2010, 71 percent of Americans mistakenly believe that Iran already has nuclear weapons. But instead of seeing this as a rallying cry to correct the dangerous misperceptions of ill-informed Americans, many in the media instead choose to push the false narrative that war with Iran is becoming ever more inevitable.

One can only hope that John King will do his best to prevent Romney, Santorum and Gingrich from perpetuating that false sense inevitability in tomorrow's debate.

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PAC filings show candidate funds raised and spent

Presidential campaigns and political action committees, or PACs, filed financial reports yesterday showing how much they had raised and spent as of Jan. 31.

The Federal Election Commission filings also offered a snapshot of who has been donating how much to the "Super PACs," which operate independently from campaigns and can raise unlimited amounts from individuals, corporations and unions.

These are some of the highlights of the FEC filings: **REUTERS**

RESTORE OUR FUTURE

- Super PAC supporting Mitt Romney (Republican)
- **Raised:** $36.8 million
- **Spent:** $20.5 million
- **Cash on hand:** $16.3 million
- Heavily funded by the investment community, the super PAC received $1.25 million from prominent former hedge fund manager Julian Robertson at Tiger Management. He topped at least eight other $1 million contributors, including Houston builder Bob Perry.
- Harold Simmons, billionaire Dallas banker and a very active Republican donor, gave his first donation of $100,000 to the super PAC in January.

ENDORSE LIBERTY

- Super PAC supporting Ron Paul (Republican)
- **Raised:** $4 million
- **Spent:** $3.3 million
- **Cash on hand:** $60,181
- Much of the money came from PayPal co-founders Peter Thiel and Luke Nosek. Thiel, who donated a total of $2.6 million to the super PAC, is a billionaire venture capitalist and the first outside investor in Facebook.
- In January, the super PAC also attracted a number of large donors with military backgrounds, including members of the U.S. Army and Air Force, Navy veterans and engineers with Lockheed Martin and B/E Aerospace.

OUR DESTINY

- Super PAC supporting Jon Huntsman (Republican, ended campaign on Jan. 16)
- Raised: $3.3 million
- Spent: $3.2 million
- Cash on hand: $845
- The candidate's father, Jon Huntsman Sr, a billionaire industrialist, donated a total of $2.2 million to the PAC, including $335,000 in January. Another big donor last month was billionaire and television tycoon A. Jerrold Perenchio, who gave $100,000. He is a former chief executive of Univision, the largest U.S. Spanish-language broadcast company.

Carnival. Rose Monday

▶ Carnival performers attend the Rose Monday parade on Feb. 20, 2012 in Mainz, Germany.

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Rose Monday is the high point of the Carnival season, which traditionally runs from Epiphany until Ash Wednesday, and is celebrated in cities throughout the Rhine region of western Germany.

Crude oil advances to 9-month high on export halt

6.2%
Percent price increase of oil this year

NEW YORK. Oil rose to a nine-month high in New York after Iran said it halted some crude exports and investors bet that fuel demand will increase as Europe moves closer to bailing out Greece.

Futures climbed as much as 2.1 percent for a fourth day of gains, the longest rising streak since December. Iran will supply crude to "new customers" instead of companies in the U.K. and France, the oil ministry's news website, Shana, said, citing Alireza Nikzad Rahbar, a spokesman. Prices also advanced as European finance ministers prepared to meet to discuss a 130 billion-euro ($172 billion) aid package for Greece, the country's second rescue in less than two years.

"The heightened level of tension surrounding Iran's nuclear program continues to support prices, as does satisfactory growth in the U.S. and China," said Christopher Bellew, a senior broker at Jefferies Bache Ltd. in London, who correctly predicted last week that the price of Brent crude would advance to $120 a barrel. **BLOOMBERG**

Israeli PM to visit Obama

WASHINGTON. President Barack Obama will meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on March 5, the White House said yesterday.

Netanyahu will be in Washington to address the annual policy conference of the influential pro-Israel lobby AIPAC, which will be held March 4-6.

The announcement of the White House meeting came amid heightened concern that Israel might attack Iran to thwart its nuclear program. **REUTERS**

Four dead in Wash. state avalanches

Four people were killed in two separate avalanches near Washington state ski resorts on Sunday, but eight others initially said to be missing were found alive, authorities said.

Three skiers died when an avalanche struck near the Stevens Pass ski area in the Cascade Mountains of north-central Washington, King County Sheriff's spokeswoman Sgt. Cindi West said.

She said eight other people listed as missing following the avalanche had been found alive and unharmed.

Authorities were withholding the names of those killed pending notification of next of kin.

"There are three confirmed dead," West said. "The other individuals did self-rescue and are fine."

The snow came down at a road about two miles from Stevens Pass and about 10 miles from the town of Skykomish.

In an unrelated incident, West said, a 41-year-old Seattle man was killed in an avalanche at the Alpental ski area while snowboarding out of bounds with friends. **REUTERS**

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Inches of snow that had fallen on the area in recent days, believed to have triggered the avalanches.

An app for keeping kosher during Passover and beyond

With Passover just a month away a new app aims to help consumers keep kosher throughout the eight-day Jewish festival and to stay up to date on kosher products throughout the rest of the year.

Released by the Orthodox Union, which promotes the values of the Orthodox Jewish community, the app called OU Kosher provides consumers with updates on products that have been certified by the OU, which is the world's largest kosher certification agency.

"The classic myth, even amongst secular Jews, is that the rabbi blesses the food. But the issue is not about blessing food. It's about the actual food that we're permitted to eat and the combinations of it," explained Gary Magder, director of digital media for the Orthodox Union.

In addition to providing information on which products are kosher, the app also sends alerts when new products are certified, or when existing products are no longer adhering to kosher standards.

And while the app can be used throughout the year, Magder said that it will be especially relevant during Passover when the rules on which foods to eat and which to avoid become more complex. **REUTERS**

Community care on the Chestnut Hill curriculum

Students in Chestnut Hill College's Doctor of Psychology program are improving their diagnostic skills while serving the community. The department has opened the Psychological Services Clinic of Chestnut Hill College (PSC-CHC) in Flourtown, which provides affordable testing to children, teens, college students and adults.

Evaluations are available for learning disabilities, ADHD, personality and behavioral disorders, intellectual ability and academic achievement. Interns and practicum students in the Psy.D. program perform the evaluations, which include clinical interviews and standardized testing. Evaluations of learning disorders also involve a review of grade reports and other school records.

Students work under the supervision of licensed clinical psychologists on the CHC faculty, and all reports are reviewed and signed by the faculty members. Payments are negotiated based on the patient's ability to pay, with half due at the first appointment and the other half before the report is released. The clinic does not accept insurance.

"We will be able to provide a high quality of care for those who would otherwise be unable to afford these services," said Jeanne DiVincenzo, Psy.D., assistant professor of psychology and director of the PSC-CHC. "I am very happy to be a part of the development of this project. Not only does the clinic help those in the community, but it provides our pre-doctoral students with great opportunities for supervised clinical training."

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The Psychological Services Clinic of Chestnut Hill College (1107 Bethlehem Pike, Ste. 212, Flourtown) is open by appointment Monday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, visit **www.chc.edu/psc** or call 215-233-1914.

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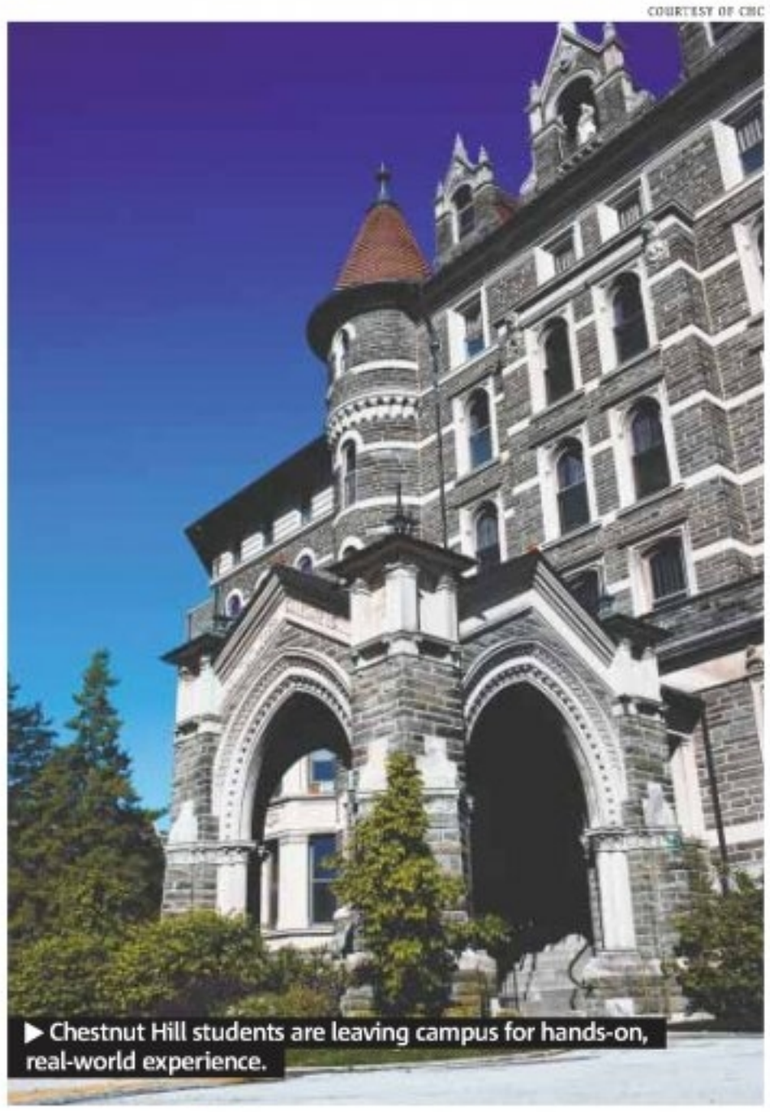

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"There was a time a few years ago where I was having students add me as a friend, but when I saw pictures of them binge drinking, passed out next to kegs, I decided maybe that wasn't such a wise decision," says Charles Wankel, who teaches management at St. John's College and is the au-

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Education in brief

Hot for teacher: Student suspended for writing about professor crush

A student at Oakland University was suspended after turning in a journal for a writing class that held his explicit thoughts about his female professors. According to Inside Higher Education, Joseph Corlett had several entries that described the physical characteristics of his professors, including the woman who taught his writing class.

One entry, titled "Hot For Teacher," went into detail about one of his professors while also writing about how much he'd been drinking before beginning his notes.

His racy writings have been posted online by Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, which is advocating for Corlett, who is 56, to be reinstated.

Corlett did not make threats against any of the women. The university claims that he violated a rule that "no person shall engage in any activity, individually or in concert with others, which causes or constitutes a disturbance, noise, riot, obstruction or disruption which obstructs or interfered with the free movement of persons about the campus."

Corlett was suspended for three semesters and advised by university officials to seek counseling if he hopes to return. ● CASSANDRA GARRISON

"So many undergrads live in a post-e-mail world, so Facebook definitely helps reinforce things."
STEVEN L. JOHNSON

thor of "Cutting-edge Social Media Approaches to Business Education." "But I imagine an instructor could adjust the privacy setting, so they could share classroom items and not inadvertently see the other stuff."

Wankel still assigns a number of Facebook-based assignments, but now uses LinkedIn to connect students to each other and networking opportunities.

"I don't think it's a good thing to require students to be on Facebook. But it can be helpful if the population of students is already there," says Steven L. Johnson, professor of management systems at Temple University. "I find master's students just aren't interested in communicating on Facebook. But so many undergrads live in a post-e-mail world, so Facebook definitely helps reinforce things."

Meeting today's students in their world

Both Wankel and Johnson use a number of other online connectors with their students, and they say blogging sites like Wordpress and Blogspot are more effective for posting core class information, like syllabuses and assigned reading.

▶ "As educators, we can take the stance that students are going to do what we tell them. Or we can take a stance that says we want every student to do as well as possible, and we'll meet them where they are," says Johnson. "If we take the second approach, part of that is recognizing that students — just like any person — have different preferences about what communication channels they want to use."

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Rutgers-Rowan merge gets backing

New Jersey State Senate President showing support for Gov. Chris Christie's plan How it benefits the Rutgers Camden community

Governor Christie's controversial plan to merge Rutgers University Camden and Rowan University to create a single public research university in South Jersey has gained the support of several state legislators. New Jersey State Senate President Steve Sweeney issued a statement detailing reasons for supporting the proposal and outlining suggested ways of dealing with the criticisms of the plan.

According to Sweeney's statement, a major public university would create better educational opportunities for South Jersey residents. Although 30 percent of the state's population lives in South Jersey, only 12.5 percent of the state's undergraduate slots are there.

There would be financial benefits as well. Currently only about 55 percent of the money Rutgers Camden collects in tuition is used on this campus; the rest goes into the general fund in New Brunswick. "A recent $1.5 billion-plus list of proposed capital expenditures from Rutgers University showed that less than 10 percent of the funds were to be dedicated to its Camden campus," said Senator Donald Norcross, whose district includes the Rutgers Camden campus.

A separately organized and funded university would mean that South Jersey would get its fair share of higher education resources — benefiting not only the universities, but the region's economy as a whole.

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▶ Rutgers Camden has opposed the merger.

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The Rutgers response

Rutgers Camden had staged numerous protests against the proposed merger, fearing the loss of the Rutgers name. Sweeney addressed that issue, saying "the history, degrees, accreditation and identities of both Rutgers and Rowan should be respected."

Rutgers Camden chancellor Wendell Pritchett responded positively to Sweeney's statement: "Expanding on the core principles in the statement could help us to increase resources to higher education in southern New Jersey while respecting the strengths, programs and names of both Rutgers Camden and Rowan."

Inside the university: Filling — and fulfilling — the department chair

In 1988 Don Chu was thrown into a department chair position at California State University, Chico.

"A typical chair will have a budget of over a million dollars and receive zero training," explains Chu, from his current office at CSU, San Marcos. "After nine years, I became a regular faculty member again and I tried to understand what had just happened to me."

Chu embarked on 20-year mission to better understand the role of department chairs. By 2006, Chu released his newfound wisdom nationwide: "The Department Chair Primer: What Chairs Need to Know and Do to Make a Difference." The book was re-released last month, with new information for chairs working in economically perilous times. "Higher education is even more closely scrutinized than before, so the role of the department chair has become more critical than when funding was more stable," explains Chu. "Usually, people move from faculty to chair, and then most can't wait to get out. But by the time you get your feet on the ground, you're out — just as you're learning about the job. If you reward chairs by recognizing them as important members of the community, that can make all the difference."

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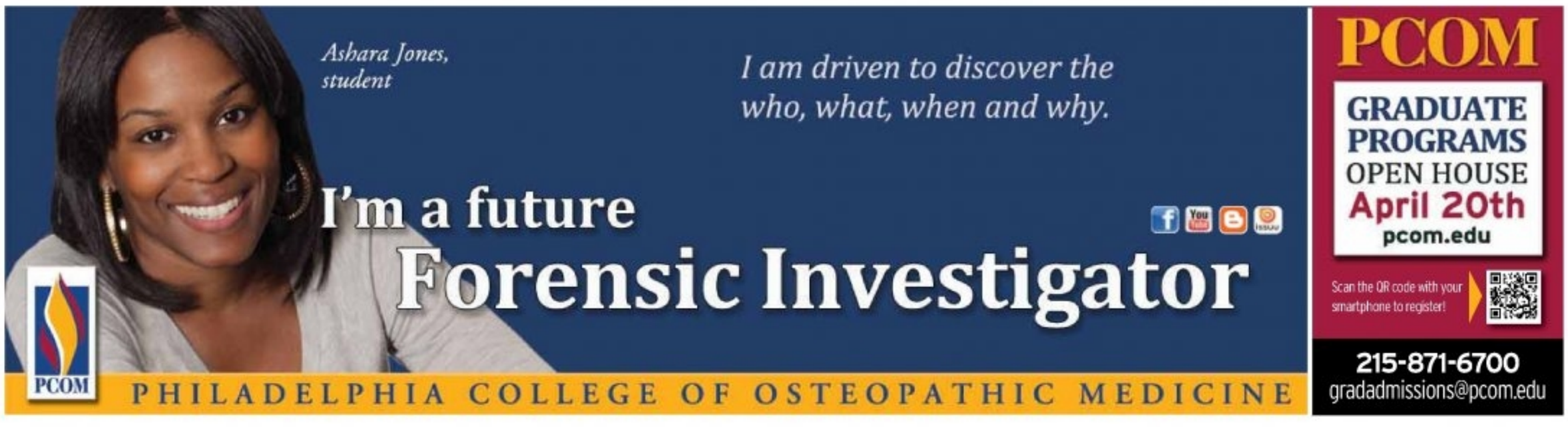
What do they do?

At most colleges, a department chair represents students and faculty to the larger administration of the institution. Conversely, they are often asked to carry out college-wide policies within their department. Typically, they're also responsible for budgeting within the department.

Education news

Villanova IT, finance students win $8,000

A team of Villanova students were selected as the East Coast division winners in a competition sponsored by online broker-dealer TradeKing that sought to connect business and IT students. Twenty-nine teams competed for the $100,000 prize. Villanova's team took home $8,000 for their "Stock Portfolio Manager" app, which collects market news from Yahoo! and Twitter based on a user's TradeKing watchlist.



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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Houston items go up on the auction block

▶ A fan takes a photograph at the new grave site of singer Whitney Houston yesterday in Westfield, N.J.

Well, that was quick. She was just buried on Saturday, but the vultures are already circling: It was announced on Sunday that a black velvet dress, a vest and a pair of earrings **Whitney Houston** wore in "The Bodyguard" will be put up for auction next month in California.

According to celebrity auctioneer **Darren Julien**, Houston's "Bodyguard" items became available after her death on Feb. 11.

"It proves a point that these items, they're an investment," Julien told The Associated Press. "You buy items just like a stock. Buy at the right time and sell at the right time, and they just increase in value."

Though those words may sound crudely opportunistic, it's quite the contrary, says Julien: "It's a celebration of her life. If you hide these things in fear that you're going to offend someone — her life is to be celebrated. These items are historic now that she passed."

Point taken. But her death is already so tragic. Can't we have an appropriate amount of time to mourn before everyone starts to profit off of her — say, a week?

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▶ Lohan

Lohan to actually work?

Lindsay Lohan is set to host "Saturday Night Live" on March 3, but the gig didn't come without a fair amount of begging and pleading, according to TMZ. Sources say that with her community service nearly complete, the troubled actress is hoping to kick-start her career comeback. To that end, Lohan reached out to the show's executive producer, **Lorne Michaels**, suggesting that she appear on the program. This will be Lohan's fourth time hosting "SNL." And I know you will be tuning in for all of the wrong reasons.

Talking points

Biel flashes ring

Jessica Biel joined fiance **Justin Timberlake** for the "Saturday Night Live" after-party over the weekend after his cameo appearance on the comedy show, and all eyes were reportedly on the sparkling rock on her finger, according to Us Weekly. "Jessica was showing off her ring," a source says. The happy couple have kept fairly mum about their recent reconciliation and engagement, but they apparently weren't holding back at the party. "They were very lovey, holding hands," another source says. "They kissed a few times in front of the crew."

Madonna eulogizes Houston

While she didn't attend **Whitney Houston**'s funeral in Newark, N.J., **Madonna** found her own way to memorialize the fallen singer while out at a New York City nightclub with some of her backup dancers, according to Us Weekly. "Madonna was sitting down, watching as her dancers showed their skills," a source says. "When the DJ began to spin Whitney Houston's 'I Wanna Dance with Somebody,' Madonna perked up and started lip-synching the words."

Dench is losing her vision

Dame Judi Dench admits that she's been battling macular degeneration, an eye condition that's causing the 77-year-old to lose her vision. "I can't read scripts any more because of the trouble with my eyes," she tells the Daily Mirror. "And so somebody comes in and reads them to me, like telling me a story." But Dench, who's undergoing treatment for the condition, doesn't have any plans to give up acting. "If I retire, nothing will work any more, and it's hard enough as it is."

▶ Dench

Wahlberg: Pain for his kids

Mark Wahlberg has found an effective way to deter his kids from getting tattoos: bringing them along to his painful tattoo-removal sessions. "I don't want my kids getting tattoos. And I wanted them to be [removed] by the time I did 'The Fighter,' because putting makeup on and covering them up has always been a pain in the butt," Wahlberg told the "Today" show. "I've taken my two older kids to the procedure so they see how painful it is and what I have to go through."

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Dana Delany is not an easy traveler, Jimmy Kimmel is getting tired of Twitter, Margaret Cho needs some laundry advice and Steve Martin is making a startling discovery.

@DanaDelany
Packing makes me anxious. I hate limiting my choices.

@jimmykimmel
OK, I get it - everyone on Twitter is clever - enough already...

@margaretcho
Should I put wet underwear in microwave?

@SteveMartinToGo
Found small Chinese person inside my iPhone. Apple needs to address working conditions.

Delany

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2. Kristen Wiig sported this zippy number to the East Coast Writer's Guild Awards on Sunday. Yes, they really did have two separate ceremonies.

Welcome to the jungle, Tuesday edition

- **1.** On Thursday, **Justin Timberlake** and **Matt Damon** hit up the private Guns N' Roses gig at the Hiro Ballroom in New York, sponsored by DeLeon Tequila and Nur Khan Electronic Sessions.
- **3. Kelly Rowland** performed at the Keep Memory Alive foundation's Power of Love Gala celebrating Muhammad Ali's 70th birthday in Las Vegas on Saturday.
- **4. Christina Hendricks** and **Dame Vivienne Westwood** at the after-party for Westwood during London Fashion Week on Sunday.
- **5.** Controversial chanteuse **Lana Del Rey** made an appearance at London's Fashion Week.
- **6. Ed Helms** got some hang time with the Lorax at the movie's premiere in Los Angeles on Sunday.

7. Shorty after his ex-wife Whitney Houston's funeral, Bobby Brown soldiered on with a New Edition show at Mohegan Sun on Saturday.

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The most outrageous things that director McG said while promoting 'This Means War'

The man behind a number of blockbuster films seems to bait controversy at every turn Here are a few of his (printable) remarks

Director McG — previously of the "Charlie's Angels" movies and "Terminator: Salvation" — has never shied away from big talk. And it's a quality he brought with him while promoting his latest, "This Means War," an action movie/romantic-comedy hybrid about two CIA agents (Tom Hardy and Chris Pine) battling it out over the same girl (Reese Witherspoon). Here's a look at some of his more eyebrow-raising statements about his film.

On a lack of diversity in 'This Means War':

"Listen — that's a huge concern for me, you know? And I can answer that in good faith because I put Lucy Liu in 'Charlie's Angels.' I don't like lily-white movies with lily-white people bouncing around, but you also just got to do what you got to do. In the spirit of the Benetton ad rainbow coalition, you know, the most empowered character in the film is indeed a black woman [referring to Angela Bassett's CIA boss]. I love ethnic diversity all over the place, but I'm hoping to just transcend beyond that."

On toning it down for a PG-13 rating:

"It's funny because it's the prudish, uptight MPAA that's fine with the violent components but [not] anything that has to do with sexuality. [Cast member] Chelsea [Handler] is out of her f—ing mind and that's why we love her. The MPAA was trying to take out all that stuff. But we retained the authentic comedic stylings of Chelsea Handler."

On finding the right ending for the film:

"We wanted to have flexibility. There's even an ending where the two boys end up in each other's arms. A homoerotic finish. I pussed out on the ending of 'Terminator 4.' I should have gone with the dark ending for that one, so maybe I'll do the dark ending with this one."

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▶ Director McG isn't scared to say what he thinks. But maybe he should be.

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On star Reese Witherspoon:

"She's fearless. She's given birth twice, she can do anything."

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TV watch list

▶ Actor Tim DeKay directs his "White Collar" co-stars on location at Yankee Stadium.

'White Collar'

DRAMA. Once a thief, always a thief? Neal contemplates snagging a valuable piece of baseball history from Yankee Stadium in this episode directed by co-star Tim DeKay.
10 p.m., USA

'Cougar Town'

COMEDY. Jules can't decide whether to choose Laurie or Ellie as her maid of honor. Couldn't they just play a game of Penny Can where the winner gets the title?
8:30 p.m., ABC

'It Gets Better'

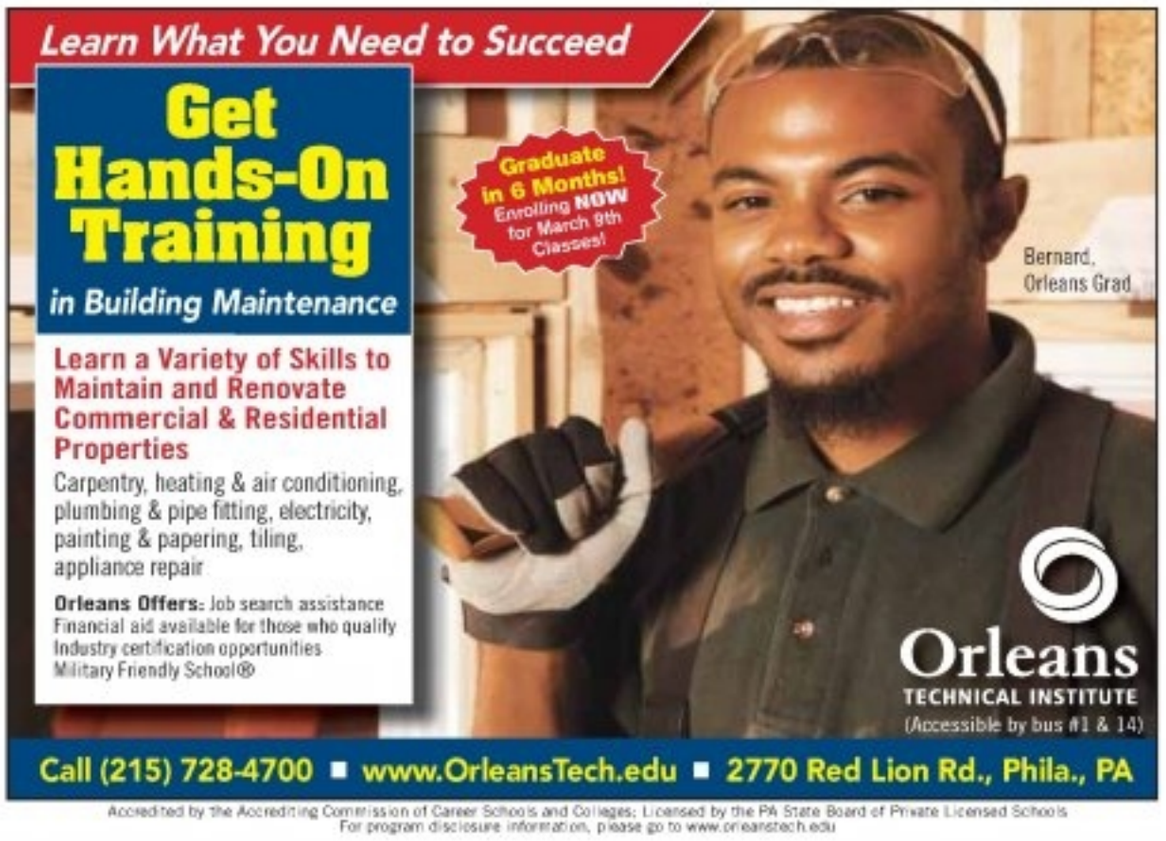
SPECIAL. The emotional and societal struggles of GLBT youth are chronicled in this special from It Gets Better Project co-creator Dan Savage, who offers messages of hope and support alongside celebrities such as Adam Levine and Margaret Cho.
11 p.m., MTV and Logo

'The River'

DRAMA. The celebration of finding one of Emmet's crew members alive is cut short when it's discovered he's been cursed. So, hold off on the "Welcome Back!" cake?
9 p.m., ABC

'Justified'

DRAMA. Boyd tries to move in on the Oxy trade — and avoid the business end of that super badass gun Quarles keeps hidden under his sleeve.
10 p.m., FX AMBER RAY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Interview with the vampire (writer)

Anne Rice built a career writing about the bloodthirsty creatures before you'd even heard of Edward and Bella Now, it's all about the werewolf

"The Wolf Gift," the newest novel from Anne Rice, queen of supernatural stories, hit shelves last week. We spoke with the author about her influences, thought process and the TV hunk who inspired her newest hero.

Do you think werewolves are the new "It" monster?
I don't know, I was actually told before I wrote this that they were done. They said that there were so many werewolves running around in "True Blood" and "Twilight" that it was old hat now. Of course, that didn't stop me. I thought, "I'm going to do it my way."

That seems to have worked for you over your career.
I think that the best thing that anybody can do is write the books you want to read. Write the person you're obsessed with and write the hero you want to be and go to bed with. With me right now, I thought, "What about the werewolf? What if he was conscious during the transformation and he became a heroic being?" I wanted to investigate him my way.

I heard you got the idea for this book from the producer of the TV show "White Collar."
That is true. I e-mailed Jeff Eastin because I'm a big fan of the show. We have an e-mail friendship going. And he said that he'd watched a documentary on werewolves and if I ever wanted to do a werewolf novel, he would buy buckets of it. Most of the time when people mention werewolves, I would say, "No, my sister's done that and I don't want to crowd her." Then I got to thinking, "Well, Alice has been gone since 2007. I miss her terribly, but maybe it's OK now, five years later, to write about werewolves."

And I read that you based the main character of this book on the star of "White Collar," Matt Bomer. Have you ever met him?
Nope.

Does he know he's inspired a character in your book?
I don't know. I should send him a copy! Jeff knows. I just acknowledge Matt as the physical model: Matt's voice, Matt's eyes. I always do this with books — many times I have a model. When I wrote "The Witching Hour," the model was Tom Berenger. I mean, anything can inspire a character. With Matt, it was his beauty, his voice, his quiet manner, all of that from "White Collar."

You took some time away from the monster genre to write about your faith. Did being away from this topic change how you write about it now?
I felt it did. I felt that the challenges I faced in writing the two "Christ the Lord" novels taught me a lot about the craft of writing. In those novels, I was really writing about Jesus as we know about him from the gospel, and I had never tried that before. I hadn't tried to make a character fit with any history. I learned a lot. I think it strengthened me as a writer.

Will this be the first of many wolf books from you?
I'm sure it will be, but I'm writing another supernatural novel right now. I'm back to supernatural fiction, and I feel that I'm back to talking about good and evil and questions of meaning and belief. I'm happy to be back.

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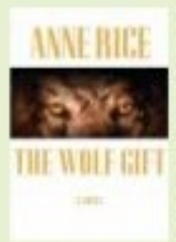
MATTHIAS SCHEER

▶ Anne Rice's latest follows a young journalist living in San Francisco who gets bitten by the mystical furry beast.

Q&A

Out of all the TV shows with supernatural creatures, what's your favorite?
The show that I really like is "Once Upon A Time." I think that show uses imagination and the fairy tale motif in the best way possible. The reason I love it is it's really rooted in character. I'm not really interested in the typical formula of "Let's hunt the supernatural monster," or "We're the only ones who know the world is infested with supernatural monsters, so let's kill them." That, to me, is just cop show stuff. I don't care about that. I want to know about the heart and soul of that monster.



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The creative director of Chanel makeup opens up about his spring 2012 collection, 'Spring Harmony'

He talks sunsets, sparkles, plastic bag handles and why it is people go crazy for Le Vernis

The inspiration behind his spring 2012 collection: "I chose spring horizons [at] sunset and sunrise, as it can be the most amazing moment of the day. I was afraid it would be a bit kitschy, mellow and corny but it's also very beautiful. You can do anything you want with the products in the collection, whether you want to look sophisticated and intense or fresh and funky."

Introducing the latest Le Vernis nail trilogy: April, May and June: "The most classical shade and the first to be released is April. Spring is coming, but you're still in a wintry mood, so you want a darker shade that's flattering and not too flashy. May is pink-y and girlie, and June has a beach-y feel to it. People will have gotten a bit of sun and color on their skin and can start wearing brighter colors. ... The shades are anticipated not because of me, but because they're Chanel. I have the advantage that I can link my creations with the fashion show — it gives them a reason to exist."

Blush Horizon de Chanel

His love of sparkles: "I don't have a favorite color, I adore makeup in general. I love a good skin-tone beige and anything sparkly and dramatic."

On color

"It took 24 tries in the lab before we got the right shade for Le Vernis in June. I wanted it to be the color of this plastic bag handle I got from some random shop in the States. The bag was black and the handle was this beautiful orange plastic. It had to be that exact shade, but in lacquer. It had to look just like the plastic, not transparent or pearly."

Le Vernis nail color trilogy

Philips' Top 3 tips:

- **Invest in an eyelash curler:** "All women should have an eyelash curler. This also applies to women who don't wear makeup. It's not a dangerous tool, although a lot of people are terrified of it. One pinch to the lashes can work miracles as it opens up your eyes and makes you look fresh and awake. Add some mascara, and you're ready to go."
- **Apply just the right amount:** "It's a criminal offense to wear too much makeup, just as it is to wear too little. It's all about striking a balance and wearing a look with confidence. Something that always looks wrong is not blending your foundation in so that you can see the line between the face and the neck. It's so easy to avoid: Blend it out with your fingers and check the lighting in your bathroom."
- **Remember, makeup can't fix everything:** "Every phase of your life has beauty in it. We all want youth, but at some point we have to realize that we're getting older and it's not all about foundation or mascara. If you eat and live wrong, it will have an impact on your looks. You know the tricks: Eat more vegetables, stop smoking, drink water and cut back on alcohol."

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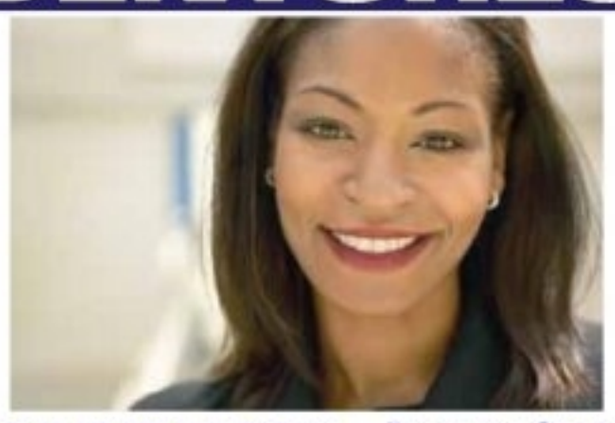

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So you're nervous about delivery: Now what?

Take a deep breath, says Allison Hill, MD, co-author of 'The Mommy Docs' Ultimate Guide to Pregnancy and Birth' Her tips to get you through it Communication is key

If you're due to give birth soon, your brain is probably trying to balance a sense of inner calm with those freak-out moments you can't help but have. Squelch your fears about welcoming your new arrival with these tips from Dr. Allison Hill, author of "The Mommy Docs' Ultimate Guide to Pregnancy and Birth."

Tell your doctor what you're nervous about

"You may have heard a story or rumor from a friend that left you scared of childbirth," notes Dr. Hill. "By discussing it with your doctor, you may find that the story is just a myth."

Have a birth plan

But be flexible. "You should think about what your ideal birth looks like and communicate that to your doctor," says Dr. Hill about this all-important game plan. "But always know that your birth may take a different route — and the new plan may be equally amazing."

Consider hiring a doula

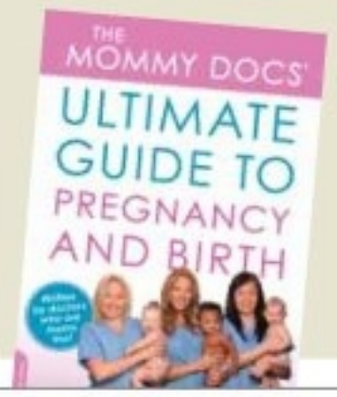
"She may be a certified birth assistant or simply a close friend," says Dr. Hill. "Your doula will help you stay relaxed and feel supported during your magical event."

Get advice

"Someone who has recently gone through the experience will have lots of helpful hints for what to bring to the hospital, how to know you are in labor or how to prepare the baby's new home," says Dr. Hill.

Keep the communication open with your partner

Although all eyes will be on you, "remember he may be even more nervous than you are," she says. "The two of you are a team, but he may not know what you need unless you tell him." METRO



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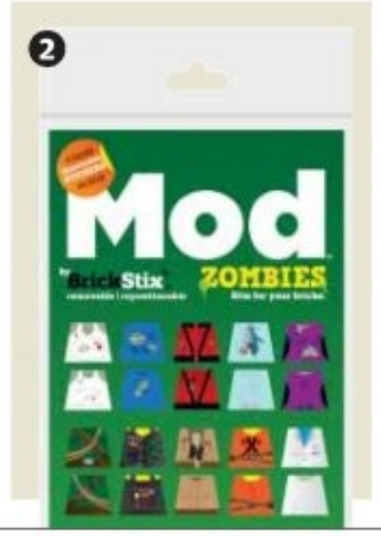
Toy Fair 2012: What your kids will clamor for this year

We must say — toys have changed a lot since we were kids. Check out some of the hottest new playthings we found at the 109th annual American International Toy Fair.

1 Playmobil Take Along Soccer Match: It's like foosball, on the go! This fold-up game comes with six athlete figures who can kick and score just like real soccer stars. Kids can maneuver the goalies to defend incoming shots, too. ***Ages 5-10, $60, www.playmobilusa.com, available in April***



2 Mod stickers by Brickstix: Children love to use their imagination when building with blocks — and now, they can make their creations even more true-to-life with these stickers, which easily attach and detach (with no residue) to Legos and other brick sets. Brickstix was conceived by 9-year-old Greyson MacLean, who has since won a slew of toy inventor awards. ***Ages 6 and up, $6, www.brickstix.com, now available***

3 Lazer Tag: Turn that once-every-so-often trip to the laser tag arena into an at-home activity with this hi-tech digital system. Your kids can download the game's free software onto their iPhones, slap their phones into the Lazer Tag blaster and begin shooting baddies through the lens of their new virtual reality. ***Ages 8 and up, $70 for two blasters, www.hasbrotoyshop.com, available in August***

4 Twister Dance: Twister's undergone some changes since we last shouted "left foot blue." Here, the pods are off the mat, so you can take the game wherever you go. Players can also groove to songs by Britney Spears and use the speaker as an iPod dock. ***Ages 8 and up, $35, www.hasbro.com, available in the fall***

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Learning more to move ahead

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▶ There are a number of things to consider before balancing your career with classes.

Sometimes the secret to getting ahead at the office is getting out of the office. Hitting the books can help you become an expert in your field, expedite that promotion or open the door to new endeavors. For those with the itch to learn we've got some pointers to start you out right.

Consider the up-front money

"Always remember that continued education is an investment," explains Steve Herzog, assistant dean at The American College in Bryn Mawr. "Carefully consider the amount of money you'll spend and the likelihood you can reap the financial rewards in a reasonable amount of time."

But before running the numbers, check in with the boss. If your company is able to provide tuition reimbursement, nothing's stopping you from moving forward.

Make sure the program is accredited

For many employers, an accredited school can make all the difference. "Some employers simply don't recognize degrees from non-accredited schools, and credits from non-accredited courses are often non-transferable to other institutions," says Cheri Varnadoe, director of corporate relations at MBA@UNC, an online program from UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School.

Know your style

If you're employed full-time, online courses may help with time management. "Online options can keep you be productive at work while also giving you the education you need," says Dr. Sally Mounts, president of Auctus Consulting Group. That said, it's important to consider how you learn. Steve Herzog recommends asking yourself: "Do you do well in classroom settings, or does reading and listening to pre-recorded lectures best suit you?"

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Funny business

A sense of humor at work can go a long way for both morale and your career Why you might want to make a joke — or at least laugh at one

As you craft your next résumé, consider adding some comedy to the skills inventory. A recent national survey from Accountemps staffing service reports the majority of CFOs value an employee's sense of humor for fitting into the company's corporate culture. "All work, no play can really erode having the levity. Building rapport among colleagues reduces stress and tension," says career expert Christine Endres.

In today's rocky job economy, a little humor can go a long way. But when do jokes lose the laughs? Endres shares four tips for exercising workplace-appropriate humor:

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▶ Go ahead — smile at work.

Don't play favorites
"Never make anyone specifically the person of target within a joke. Poke fun at yourself if you single someone out."

Check your tone
"Steer clear of any heavy-handed sarcasm, because it can be viewed as a subtle way of insulting someone. Workplace humor should be low-key or even understated."

Actively participate
"Even if you're not necessarily the funniest person, keep the mood light by being receptive to other people's humor — laugh with the group."

Keep the pranks in the closet
"To still be taken seriously, don't clown around too much.

Troubleshooting

"If you've accidentally offended your co-worker, a sincere, in-person apology can go a long way," says Endres. "Be mindful not to cross that boundary again."

You don't want to be the stand-up comic, by any means, so practical jokes are always a bad idea."

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A time and a place

Despite the benefits of occasional workplace hoopla, Endres notes the difference between a cubicle community and an interview room. Before you get the company thumbs-up: "Be mindful during the actual job interview. You don't have to crack jokes. You don't need to be a comedian. Be natural in ways that let your personality shine through."

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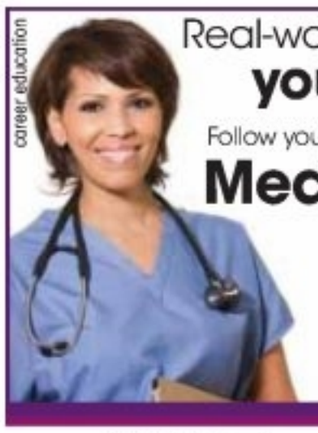
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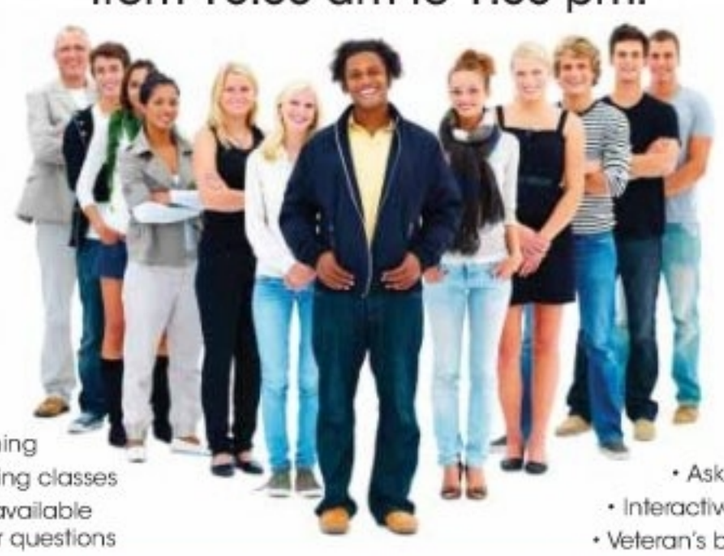
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Many opportunities in a counseling career

Know the facts

- According to the American Counseling Association, counseling is defined as: "A professional relationship that empowers diverse individuals, families and groups to accomplish mental health wellness and career goals."
- In the United States counseling licensure is administered at the state level. When considering a graduate level degree, it is important to know in which states this degree will allow you to practice. A full list of state requirements can be ordered through the American Counseling Association at www.counseling.org.

▶ Jobs have increased because there is no longer the same stigma associated with therapy.

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Shannon Hodges, an associate professor of counseling at Niagara University, is one of few people to investigate the many careers in the field. His latest book, "101 Careers in Counseling," is available now for preorder by Springer Publishing Company and will be officially released in March.

Why was it important for you to compile so many occupations in the field of counseling?
When I went into counseling, I had no idea there were all these different options. Yes, most people who get a [graduate] degree in counseling work in inpatient and outpatient settings, dealing with mental health issues. But there is so much more out there: You can counsel in a foreign country. You can do personal coaching. You might be working in a synagogue, church or mosque, doing spiritual-based counseling. There's at least 101 options.

665,500
Number of people employed as counselors in the U.S. as of 2008, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics

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What's the difference between a counselor and a psychologist?
Counselors and psychologists are both often referred to as therapists. The difference is in training: The primary focus of a graduate degree in counseling is counseling, although you will get other psychological training. Clinical psychologists will get some training in counseling, but that will not be their primary focus.

What kind of student should consider a career in counseling?
People that go into this field tend to be idealistic, service-oriented and like helping people in need.

How has the field changed since you began your career in 1985?
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Re: 'Who decides religion's role in American life'

Is it not because of your bias that you distorted the facts today by not reporting why student Sandra Fluke was not qualified to sit on the Oversight Committee? Is it not bias that has you distorting the story by suggesting the panelist were there to discuss "birth control and menstrual cramps"? The panel was all representatives of religious organizations. Not students. Yes, it would have been nice to have a female religious rep there. The panel was addressing the issue of the government and religious freedom, not menstrual cramps. Distort much to serve your bias? I think so. Thank you for proving your bias so quickly.

DEL CONNOR, VIA E-MAIL

Like it or not there are times federal law must trump religious sensibilities, otherwise you would soon see a serious breakdown in civil society. For example, doctors and nurses refuse to use particular procedures or medications due to their personal religious beliefs, even if it saves a patient's life. This doesn't mean federal policy can't be worked in ways that respect people's religious beliefs, but in the end we all need to play by the same rules — the faithful included.

JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL

There could be a lot of people without insurance if this legislation goes through. The Catholic Church is one of the biggest providers of health care and employer of these. They cannot go against the doctrines and that would mean they would not offer health insurance to their employees because of conscience.

MARIANNE HURLEY, VIA E-MAIL

Houston, we still have a problem

Should the flag only be half-mast for those who died that were in public service or who died in service to their country? Or should it at the discretion of the governors who decide to whom they want to extend the honor? I don't understand those who are outraged at Gov. Christie for honoring Whitney Houston with a half-mast. It is Christie's choice, it is not illegal, and he is well within his rights. To Christie, her accomplishments, including handing over all the proceeds from her memorable rendition of our national anthem to the 9/11 responders, far outweighed her human frailty.

EKENG MANCZUK, VIA E-MAIL

OK, seriously, stop it with the Whitney Houston business. She's no hero, not immortal, nor will she ever be. While her music may have been inspiring and it's a tragic story, she made her choices. I feel sorry for her family. Stop treating her any differently than anyone else just because she sang. I doubt you treat everyday people battling demons with such compassion. **RACHAEL G., VIA E-MAIL**

Chris Brown: Let's not forget victims

To those who'd defend Chris Brown, who continues to use his fame to harass women: I wonder if you'd still defend him if it was you or someone else you're close to who spent months recovering from an injury caused by someone you supposedly loved. But you probably never thought about that. **BONNIE PARKER, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** It's important to begin elevating your sights a bit if you see that the cycle you're now entering holds tremendous promise. Don't waste the good times on frivolous activities.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** The chances for accomplishing your objectives look good, though you'll have to bring other people in on the action. Interesting things could happen that'll bring fulfillment.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Because you'll be able to recognize some of the signals, a situation unfolding at this time could enable you to share in some benefits already being generated by another person.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** An arrangement that you mastermind should prove advantageous for everyone involved. It has all the essential elements needed for success: fairness, integrity and unity.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** If you get the chance — and you probably will — do what you can to strengthen bonds involving two of your more significant relationships. You could bring about happy changes for all.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Someone of the opposite gender that you recently met is eager to get to know you. If you are of the same mind-set, don't hesitate to respond in kind.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** If you've been putting forth your very best effort where your work or career is concerned, a promotion, bonus or some kind of acknowledgement may be in the offing.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** When it comes to an enterprise or endeavor that you personally manage or in which you play some kind of leadership role, your luck could take a well-deserved change for the better.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Starting right now, there is a strong probability that you could experience a favorable shift in your material affairs. Be alert for what occurs, because it can have a long-range effect.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Do not look to others for leadership in an endeavor that you need to accomplish, especially if they have little knowledge of what you want or how you want it done.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** New life can be breathed into an arrangement that you've been seriously thinking of writing off. If you check out every possibility, you might find now is not the time to call it quits.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** A relationship that you recently established might greatly help you advance some plans for the future that you've had in the back of your mind. It pays to listen to everyone.

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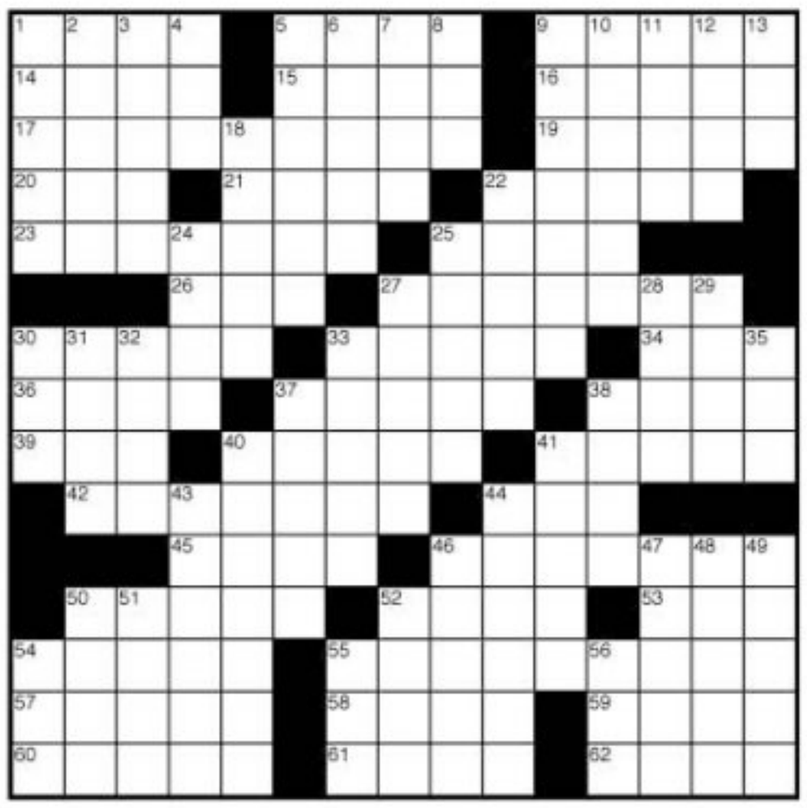

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Solution to weekend's crossword

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Change your city views

February brings dreams of heading off to somewhere different, uncrowded and with a horizon that defies the eye For mid-winter mini-breaks, consider Albuquerque, the high-desert jewel of the southwest

JAY BLACKWOOD

Albuquerque's Sandia Mountain is named for the pink sunset colors (sandia means watermelon in Spanish).

Where to stay

In addition to all the usual chain hotels (with rooms available for less than $100 per night), Albuquerque features dozens of homey bed and breakfasts for the traveler who'd like a green-chile omelet included with his or her stay.

What to eat

Everything, if possible. The state's distinctive cuisine is based around local chiles, which range from tongue-tingling to face-melting. For a large-scale dining experience visit **El Pinto** (10500 Fourth St. NW), which resembles nothing so much as a southwestern Tavern on the Green on steroids. The restaurant, which has catered more than one White House Cinco de Mayo celebration, is justifiably famous for its tamales, a New Mexico Christmas tradition. For a quick breakfast, stop by **Golden Crown Panaderia** (1103 Mountain Rd. NW) for empanadas, green chile bread and half a dozen varieties of the official state cookies, biscochitos.

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Pack your gloves

First, a note for the map-challenged: New Mexico and Arizona are not only different states, but they have vastly different climates. So you shouldn't expect Albuquerque to feel like Phoenix in the dead of winter. The city's elevation ranges between 4,000 and 5,000 feet above sea level, and the air can be parchingly dry. Winter temperatures are in the 40s to 50s range, and can be subfreezing at night. Yes, it snows (which means you can go skiing if you drive about four hours north). Pack gloves.

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Where to go

If you have kids, Albuquerque is home to a number of fine museums, including the delightfully deadpan and unique **National Museum of Nuclear Science & History** (601 Eubank Blvd. SE), which is kind of like a companion piece to the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum, only filled with deactivated missiles. Less fusion-powered is the **Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum** (9201 Balloon Museum Dr. NE), which is logically located next to the site of the world-famous annual Balloon Fiesta. **The ABQ BioPark complex** encompasses the city's zoo, aquarium and botanic gardens, which spotlight the indigenous flora and fauna.

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THE VOICE OF THE PHILLY SPORTS FAN

HONEYMOON OVER FOR PHILLIES, CITY

Spring training is a time of blooming optimism, a six-week prelude to the long season when every player is in the best shape of his life and every team is a threat to win it all. The Phillies are reporting to sunny Clearwater, but I see clouds on the horizon.

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The cold reality is that the Phils have already peaked in this unprecedented era of prosperity. They are not as good as they were last season, with an inevitable further decline looming ahead. Fans aren't trading in their Phillies hats and shirts for Sixers stuff yet, but they know.

At last count — one day after single-game tickets went on sale last Thursday — the Phils had sold 3.1 million tickets for the season, an extraordinary number until it was revealed that 3.3 million were gone at the same point in 2011. Thank you, Cliff Lee, who giveth with that big free-agent deal a year ago and then taketh away by blowing Game 2 of the divisional playoffs.

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Fans are too smart in Philadelphia to buy into the hype of the 2012 Phillies.

The fans are too smart in Philadelphia to buy into the hype of the 2012 Phillies. Too smart to believe that Chase Utley will blossom back into elite status after three down years. Too smart to expect old players to appear young again, and way too smart to think that three aces are somehow better than four.

So how can the Phils defy age and win another World Series? Ironically, it all starts with the oldest man in uniform, 68-year-old Charlie Manuel, whose plodding managerial style must change. If Manuel spends another year playing for three-run innings when one is enough, the Phillies will fail again. If his batters remain impatient and addicted to the long ball, they will lose.

Even after the loss of Roy Oswalt, the Phillies have the best starting pitching in the game, and they need to play to that strength. They need to outpitch improved NL East teams like the Marlins and Nationals, neither of whom has a starting arsenal — nor a closer like Jonathan Papelbon — that matches theirs. Can Manuel adapt his style to small ball? That's the biggest question of 2012.

The other issues are harder to control. Can Utley, Jimmy Rollins and Carlos Ruiz avoid major injuries for a change — and Ryan Howard, too, when he comes back from his season-ending torn Achilles? Can young setup guys Antonio Bastardo and Michael Stutes perform at a high level again? Can the Phillies overcome a hot playoff team like the 2011 St. Louis Cardinals?

Philadelphia knows better than to think it's going to be easy this time around. Those 200,000 fewer tickets sold are speaking loudly and clearly. Time is running out on this era of success, and one championship isn't enough.

Welcome to spring training 2012, the start of a season that offers our best — and maybe last — chance to win it all.

*– **Angelo Cataldi** is the host of 94 WIP's Morning Show, which airs weekdays 5:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.*

Bryz can't take heat

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▶ Bryzgalov

Ilya Bryzgalov is a generous man. On the ice, the Flyers goaltender has been helping the confidence of every opponent during a horrific first season in Philadelphia. Off the ice, he has invited us into a sports nightmare, his tortured adjustment to a city whose passion is proving fatal to his game.

After a 6-4 loss to Pittsburgh, the outspoken Russian called himself a "scapegoat" for the decline of the Flyers, and then he said something that was stunning in its honesty.

"I'm just trying to find peace in my soul to play in this city," he said.

In the macho world of sports, this kind of comment is never uttered, though often pondered. How many times have we heard speculation that a sensitive player cannot perform in the demanding Northeast, where fans from Boston to Philadelphia have made sports a lifestyle.

The most vivid example of this phenomenon is Bryzgalov, who was a superstar in Russia, a Stanley Cup winner in Anaheim and enough of a standout in Phoenix to earn a $51 million contract with the Flyers. He has never faced the kind of adversity he is dealing with this season — nor apparently, the pressure.

Will he ever adjust to our demands? Will he ever fill a Flyers goaltending void now in its second decade since Ron Hextall's heyday? Will Bryzgalov ever find the peace in his soul to play well in Philadelphia?

According to his contract, he has eight more years to find answers to those questions. Eight more years. Wow.

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▶ Joe Banner just can't help himself.

Banner ruins it

As part of the PR strategy after a disappointing season, Eagles president Joe Banner has taken a step back, allowing owner Jeff Lurie and coach Andy Reid to do most of the public spinning. This is a wise choice, given Banner's tone-deaf style.

Still, Banner couldn't help himself when it came time to announce the Eagles would not be raising season-ticket prices. It was an honorable gesture, though understandable given the nightmarish exploits of the Dream Team. But Banner couldn't just let the decision speak for itself. No, he had to go and ruin it.

"This is something we're thrilled to be able to do," said Banner in a letter to fans. "There aren't many teams who are selling out their stadiums and have a waiting list of more than 40,000 who are doing that. In fact, I would say there aren't any teams like that who haven't raised prices for four years."

Banner felt compelled to remind everyone just how honorable he was being, and then crowned the Eagles champions of NFL fan fairness. Is there any other way to interpret that?

Andy Reid is an arrogant, paranoid man, but as long as Banner is around, Reid will never be the team's worst spokesman.

Idle thoughts from Cataldi ...

1 Lin and bear it. Here's one very loud vote against Linsanity. The story of Jeremy Lin is wonderful on so many levels, defying experts, a David vs. the Goliaths, but there's one big problem. He's a New York Knick. And if you're a New York Knick, I hope you miss every shot and I hope you lose. Period.

2 Scout's honor: Draft a linebacker. Eagles general manager Howie Roseman said he can't wait for the start of the NFL combine tomorrow in preparation for the next draft. He's especially excited to look at the young talent at a new position he just discovered. It's called linebacker.

3 Now hiring: SUPERSTAR. The entire Sixers team tied Dirk Nowitzki with 24 points in the second half of a brutal loss last Friday, quieting the media morons who believe a team without big stars can win in the NBA. Memo to president Rod Thorn: You might want to bring in a good player — and soon.

Rank and file

Owls ranked, Dragons close in AP poll

Temple men's basketball is ranked No. 22 in the country, according to the latest AP poll released yesterday. The Owls were the first team out in last week's rankings. Meanwhile, soaring Drexel — winners of 15 straight games —is making an impression. The Dragons came in at No. 30 after picking up 13 votes in the latest poll.

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Good luck

Ibanez finds home in NY

Raul Ibanez is heading up the turnpike, after signing a one-year deal with the Yankees.

The 40-year-old will earn $1.1 million while sharing DH duties in New York. Ibanez hit .245 for the Phillies last season with a .289 on-base percentage, both career lows.

Hamels confident on long-term deal

On the third day, Cole Hamels broke the silence.

The Phillies' third ace, just in case you haven't heard, signed a one-year, $15 million deal last month to avoid arbitration. However, Hamels is set to hit the free agent market after the 2012 season, unless a long-term contract is agreed upon.

Yesterday, Hamels didn't seem too worried about the ongoing negotiations. He's focused on playing baseball.

"I think I've really turned my focus on going in the day-in and day-out activities and [don't] really focus on the contract talks," Hamels told reporters. "Because if you're able to go out there and play, things will get done. I know that's why I have an agent."

There had been a report floating around that Hamels wanted a deal done before Opening Day. Not true, according to the pitcher.

"No, I don't have any deadline," he said. "I think the only deadline that is set is by major league baseball with five days after the World Series."

▶ Hamels would prefer to stay in Philadelphia.

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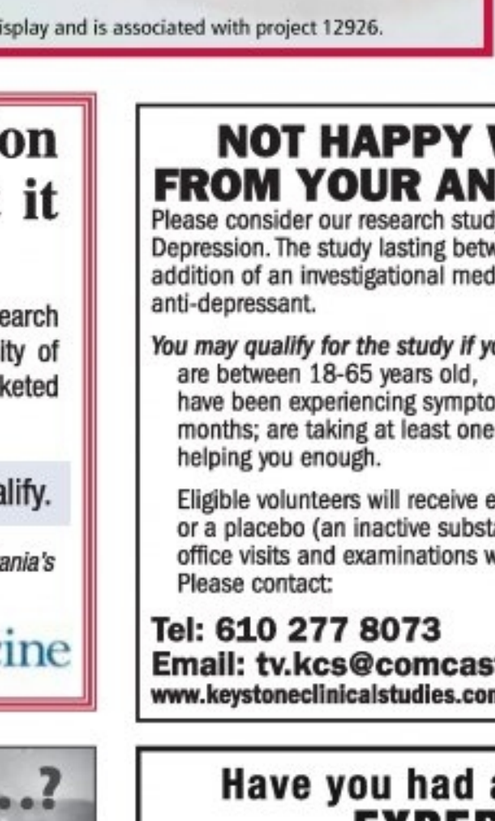

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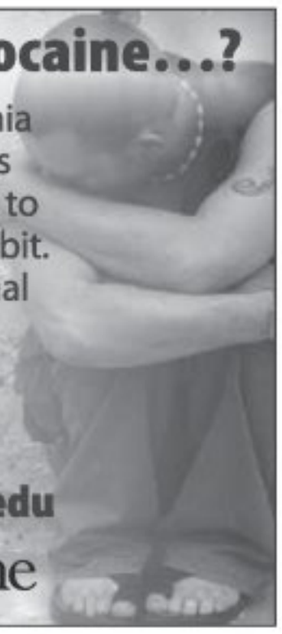

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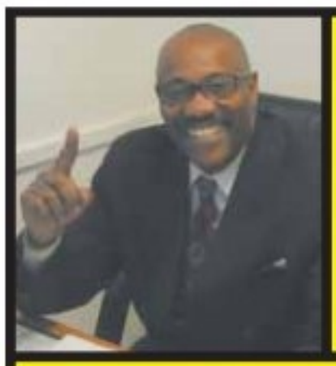

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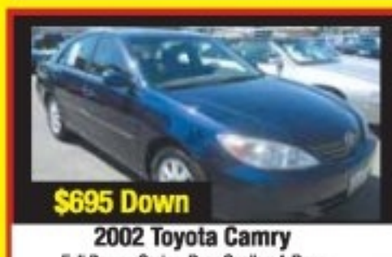
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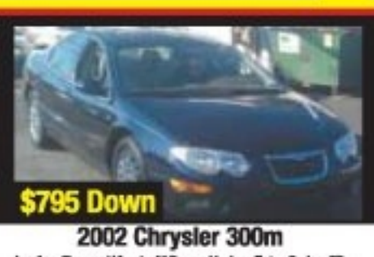
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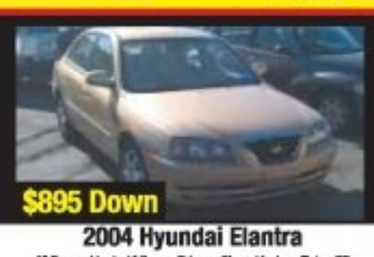
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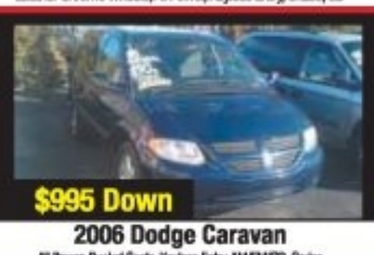
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This winter we get a new, sixth generation of the four-door fun-maker. (The coupe and M3 versions won't change for another two model years.) As usual, the 3 comes in two flavors, the 335i and the less-expensive 328i. About 70 percent of sales are the latter. The 2012 models start at $43,295 and $35,795.

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At a glance

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- **Target buyer:** The businessperson going places.

▶ BMW executive Ian Robertson introduces the new BMW 3 Series at the North American International Auto Show in January.

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